

CONFRONTATION STRONGER

Week of May 26, 2019

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ICEBREAKER

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Have you ever had a confrontation that turned out poorly?

SUCCESSFUL CONFRONTATION .. 2 CORINTHIANS 7

Remember the story (from chapter 2): Paul had a broken relationship with the church in Corinth, so he visited them, but while there, an unknown antagonist opposed him so strongly that he left, vowing not to return. He then sent a harsh letter to them, and they responded by punishing the antagonist, and he responded by repenting. Paul is overjoyed at that even though there is still a brokenness in their relationship.

Read verses 2-4. Paul describes himself as being full of joy, but we can see a shadow over him too. The Corinthians still need to open their hearts to Paul, and some are accusing Paul of wrongdoing. What do you think of that? Can you be joyful when you have an actively broken relationship?

How do you think Paul does it?

Read verses 8-10. It looks like some Corinthians thought Paul's last letter was too harsh, even damaging, and therefore wrong. What does Paul say about his letter?

What does Paul say about sorrow and its place in a person's life?

What's the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?

TRUE REPENTANCE

Read v. 11. In verse 10, Paul said godly sorrow brings repentance, and in verse 11, he goes into more detail about that repentance. On Sunday, I highlighted four of those concepts:

Repentance:

**Earnestness, having indignation against sin,
being ready for justice, proving it through action.**

Have you seen that kind of repentance in someone? in yourself?

How do you respond when someone points out a sin in your life?

How good are you at bringing loving confrontation to someone else?

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